

tremely handsome mess uniforms of bright colours and gold trimmings contrasted with the darker uniforms of the Navy and Rifles and the evening dress of the citizens.

The invitation said "music and smoking," and there were plenty of both, particularly the latter. Around the room chairs and tables were placed, and on the latter pipes, tobacco and cigarettes, and it was not long before the room became as though a dense fog prevailed. Refreshments were supplied in the greatest abundance, members of the corps in uniform continually moving about among the gathering, and seeing that everybody was well supplied.

The band of the regiment was stationed on the platform, and under the direction of Bandmaster Carlton played a choice programme.

### MONTREAL.

At the annual inspection of the 6th Fusiliers, to be held on the 30th inst., one of the handsomest sets of colours that a regiment has ever received will be presented by a number of lady friends of the corps. The Governor-General, Lord Stanley, and staff, and Major-General Herbert have been invited to attend. After the colours have been presented they will be trooped.

The *Gazette's* military critic thus writes of the M.G.A.: "For a body of men with a good healthy rivalry amongst them, to see which can do the best, the Montreal Garrison Artillery is an example. Every night in the week some of the batteries are hard at work practicing for the shifting ordnance competition, which comes off on May 15th. The trophy is a handsome shield, made in the highest style of the silversmith's art, and presented by Lieut.-Col. Turnbull. On Monday night last, batteries 1 and 6 made the shift in six minutes, and on Wednesday No. 5 did it in seven minutes. This is good time, even for regulars; in fact, better than some of them could do. It is noticed that a handsome case had been recently placed in the recreation room, so that the different makes of ammunition can be shown to the visitors without handling. Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, M.G.A., has returned from Europe and taken command of the corps."

### EVENING INSPECTIONS.

Montreal volunteers deserve credit for their work of Monday evening. Of course, it was a little out of the usual run for five corps to be out at once, but all of them stood the test well. The reason of the mustering of so many on the same evening was that Major-Gen. Herbert had signified his intention of being present. Early in the evening men belonging to the different corps began to assemble at the Drill Hall. Sharp at 8 o'clock, the Fifth Royal Scots, wearing their kilts for the first time this year, marched out of the Drill Hall with their splendid band of twenty-four pieces, under the leadership of T. W. Cooke, at their head. Then followed the battalion, about 270 strong. The Sixth Fusiliers were the next to come out of their armoury, mustering 9 officers, 246 men, and the life and drum corps of 24 pieces. By this time the Montreal Troop Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars, 42 all told; the Montreal Field Battery, 40 strong, and batteries 1 and 6 of the Montreal Garrison Artillery were all out.

About 8.30 Major-Gen. Herbert, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Capt. Streatfeild, Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M., and Dr. Campbell entered the drill hall, which was crowded with spectators. They were all in uniform and presented a brilliant appearance. The General first went over to the M. G. A., and Nos. 1 and 6 batteries, under Capt. Finlayson and Ogilvie and Sgt. Major Benton, went through the dismounting and mounting exercises. No. 6 did it in four minutes and thirty five seconds, No. 1 taking thirty-five seconds more. The General complimented the men on the time they made, and said No. 1 Battery would have done better if the men had not been excited.

He then watched the Field Battery go through gun drill and dismounting ordnance, under Capt. Hooper, afterwards inspecting the stores, on which he remarked to Col. Stevenson and the officers: "No wonder you are proud of your battery, and as to the stores, I do not think there are any other in Canada in like condition."

The party then went to the Champ de Mars, where the Sixth Fusiliers, under Lieut.-Col. Massey, were awaiting them. The men were put through a great many movements, and to say they did well does not say enough; they were almost faultless. The advance in echelon at the double, which was splendidly executed, showed the result of the men attending the drills. Afterwards Major Atkinson put the battalion through the bayonet exercise. The General took a great deal of interest in the guards and points, moving constantly from one part of the regiment to the other to see how the regiment drilled as a whole. To say that he was pleased, the following remarks he made to Lt.-Col. Massey and Lt.-Col. Gardner, which he asked might be repeated to the corps, will show: "Your regiment puts me in mind of my own, the Guards, in certain respects. The men look clean, execute the commands promptly, and when they marched past to the tune of 'The British Grenadiers' I was surprised at their excellence." He also inspected the uniforms and accoutrements while the battalion was in open order, and when he reached the left of the line he noticed on the breast of Sergeant Armstrong four medals and five clasps. He had quite a chat with him about the service he had seen. The battalion then marched to the Drill Hall, and after arriving there the General asked Col. Massey to allow him to send a message by the Signal corps. Two of the men went up in the rear gallery, and the General handed the following message to the sergeant in command: "Lieut.-Col. Massey, commanding officer 6th Fusiliers— I am much pleased with the battalion.— HERBERT." The message was sent and the two men were signalled to come down. When they did, the copy they held was an exact duplicate of the message. Both were handed to Lieut.-Col. Massey, and the Signal corps was dismissed. The General was evidently well pleased with their efficiency.

After inspecting the Sixth the party returned to the Drill Hall, where the General had a look at the cavalry going through the marching movements and sabre exercise. The men did very well, and the large crowd of spectators applauded them heartily. He then went over and saw twenty men of the Field Battery do the lance drill, with Corporal Johnson.

By this time the Fifth Royal Scots had returned from their march through the heart of the city and were awaiting the General on the Champ de Mars. The General and staff went there, and the Scots went through the march past and a number of other commands. The crowd, however, was so large that the battalion hardly had room for extended movements. A number of the Field Battery men soon made space for them and the march past was done, both at the quick and the double. The wheels on the double and the forming of quarter column on the right company were splendidly executed, which, when the regiment was brought in line before the General for the last time, elicited from him the remark, in a tone of voice that could be heard by every man in the corps, "Scots, well done." On a request from the General the pipers of the Scots struck up one of their lively marches, parading up and down the line. The battalion was then formed fours right, and they marched back to the Drill Hall. The General's party, before leaving for the evening, took a look at the Prince of Wales armoury.

Before both the Fifth and Sixth were dismissed they were complimented by their commanding officers on the splendid work they had done, and they well deserved it, for it is very doubtful even if the General inspects every corps